

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas HESTERKAMP, et al.

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For: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE OF AN ATP-BINDING  
CASSETTE GENE AND PROTEIN FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE  
DISEASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: